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CHANGES IN KOMSOMOL ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES

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The bureau of the Central Committee of the VLKSM [All-Union Leninist Communist Youth League] has issued a decree on the future curtailment of accounting in Komsomol units.

The Central Committee VLKSM has eliminated the presenting of monthly and semiannual statistical accounts of the numerical membership and turnover in Komsomol organizations, accounts of the number and turnover of secretaries of local organizations, of the expenditure of blank Komsomol cards, of the numerical membership of Pioneer organizations and the number of senior Pioneer leaders, and the supplements to yearly accounts of rayon and city organization membership.

Oblast and kray committees of the Komsomol and the Central Committees of the VLKSM [Leninist Communist Youth League] will now present only summary accounts, established for rayon and city committees, as well as a yearly statistical account of the membership and turnover of Komsomol cadres.

The Central Committee VLKSM has also sharply curtailed the rendering of accounts by rayon and city committees to their superior organizations.

The Bureau of the Central Committee has decided that local organizations will present to the rayon and city committees only monthly summary accounts of membership dues.

To the rayon, city, oblast, and kray committees and the Central Committees VLKSM of union republics, the Central Committee VLKSM recommend the following:

That the practice be discontinued which requires that the minutes of meetings and sessions of committees and the work plans of local organizations be presented to the rayon and city committees, as well as the practice which requires that minutes of the sessions of rayon committee and city committee bureaus be presented to oblast and kray committees of the Komsomol and the Central Committees VLKSM;

That the appointment of secretaries of local organizations no longer be confirmed in rayon and city committees, and that the appointment of Pioneer leaders no longer be confirmed in oblast and kray committees of the Komsomol and in the Central Committees VLKSM; that official identity cards [dolzhnostnyye kartochki] for secretaries of local organizations be abolished in rayon and city committees; that account of the latter be maintained by means of lists;

That the present practice be discontinued which requires that rayon and city committees of the Komsomol must examine penalties such as "reprimand" and "severe reprimand" imposed on members of VLKSM and entered on their registration cards. The Central Committee VLKSM declares that cases where a Komsomol member has received such a penalty from a local organization may be examined in rayon or city committees only in case of appeal. In those cases where the VLKSM member does not appeal to the rayon or city committee, said penalty shall be entered on the registration card on the basis of the decree of the local organization after a lapse of 2 months from the date it was imposed by the organization.

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The Central Committee now permits the secretaries of rayon and city committees, as well as the account managers (zaveduyushchiye uchedom), to decide the question of replacement of Komsomol cards where VLKSM members have changed their names, without examining these questions at bureau meetings.

The application of the VLKSM member will serve as the basis for issuing a new Komsomol card, together with the corresponding decision by the rayon or city committee secretary, and with the mandatory designation of the documents on the basis of which the question has been decided by him (marriage certificate, identity card, etc.).

With the aim of increasing the responsibilities of rayon, city, oblast, and kray committees of the Komsomol and Central Committees LKSM in the management of large Komsomol organizations, and also in the interests of strict observance of the rules by Komsomol members, the Central Committee VLKSM has abolished the positions of Komsomol organizers of the Central Committee VLKSM. In place of these, the positions of "committee secretaries of the Komsomol" have been established.

The oblast and kray committees of the Komsomol and the Central Committees LKSM are granted the right to award, in the name of the Central Committee VLKSM, the badge "Outstanding Pioneer Leader" (Luchiy pionerskiy vozhatyy).

The secretaries of oblast and kray committees and Central Committees LKSM are granted the right to decide, without examining them at meetings of the bureau, questions relating to official missions and leaves for workers in the apparatus and for secretaries of rayon and city committees.

The Central Committee VLKSM directs the attention of rayon, city, okrug, oblast, and kray committees of the Komsomol, and Central Committees LKSM of union republics, to the inadmissibility of establishing any additional account-keeping whatsoever, or of adding to the forms of account-keeping already established by the Central Committee VLKSM without the knowledge of the latter.